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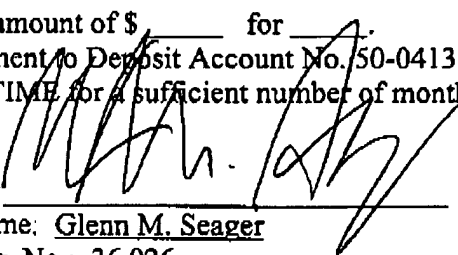
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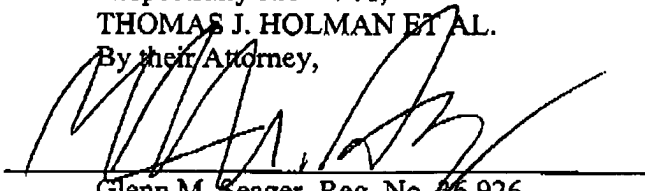
Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary mailed December 8, 2004, Applicants submit the following Statement of the Substance of the Interview. The Examiner granted Applicants' representative a telephone interview on October 14, 2004. The features of independent claim 27 were discussed with respect to the Davila and Suzuki references, specifically the lumen extending through the hub and being accessible through the spaces between helical bends in the strain relief. Possible amendments in an RCE to clarify this feature were also discussed. Possible amendments directed to the feature of the hub lumen being configured to slidably receive a catheter tube were also discussed. No agreement was reached.

Any inquiry regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned representative at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,
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